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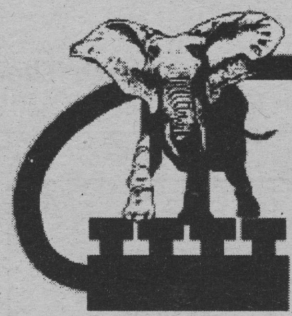
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Mostly Sunny / Hi 62-Lo 45

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Information courtesy The Weather Channel

Martian explorer visits Rose

Ted Chan
Staff Writer

Professor Donna Shirley gave a speech at the White Chapel, which was sponsored by the Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) Department at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. The ECE department wants to increase the diversity education of the students by bringing notable figures in engineering, mathematics, and science to lecture to students. Reba Weaver has donated money to sponsor this type of speakers for the next three years.

The first choice for this speaker series was Professor Shirley, who was the manager of the Mars Exploration Program and the original leader of the team that built the tiny but highly successful Sojourner Rover. She was also the driving force behind the low cost and publicly accessible Mars Exploration Program. Shirley retired from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in 1998 and has written a book called "Managing Martians," which is the story of her life from childhood to managing the Mars Exploration Program.

Shirley's little Rover accomplished great feats. The Sojourner Rover consumed only 8

watts of power, communicated with the lander, and the lander relayed the transmission back to earth. Forty percent of the money for the project was spent on testing and scheduling. There were many extreme conditions to be accounted for, such as -150°C that would need special motors, and three small pieces of plutonium that were attached to maintain the temperature. The mission lasted 90 days before the batteries on the lander unit ran out of power.

In 1961, she walked into her college advisor's office and was told, "Girls can't be engineers." Despite this, she graduated with a bachelor's degree in technical writing and aerospace engineering from the University of Oklahoma in Norman. Shirley was one of five women studying engineering in a school of 2000.

In 1966, Shirley joined the Jet Propulsion Laboratory located in the foothills of Southern California. She was the only woman to work there at the time. In 1971, Shirley worked on the Mars Mission to land on Mars, but that project was cancelled. In the mid '70s NASA turned its attention to the alternative energy sources because of the energy crisis. Shirley's group found that solar energy could be



Speaker Donna Shirley shows the Rose community a whole other world.

Grant Hoffman/Thorn

used for dairy processing and beer making.

Then she became a manger in the Autonomy and Robotics department and worked on a robot named Robby, which was the size of a truck and supposed to be able to traverse around obstacles. Robby was supposed to have a computer that was the size of a large room, but this would not fit on the small truck sized robot that they were

designing.

After the Cold War ended, funding for NASA space projects waned significantly. One of the last big projects was the Cassini, for which she was a manager for in 1991. It was three stories and cost one and \$500 million, along with a launch vehicle for \$400 million and a space mission budget for another billion dollars.

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Delta Delta Delta raises thousands for Indiana children's hospital

Chris Scribner
Staff Writer

Teeter-tottering for 24 hours outside of Wal-Mart, the Rose-Hulman chapter of Delta Delta Delta fundraised with the Teeter-Totter-A-Thon event for the 7th consecutive year. Keeping the teeter-totter rocking with TriDelta members and Wal-Mart shoppers from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 p.m. Saturday this past weekend, the TriDeltas fundraised for the Riley Hospital for Children.

The hospital is Indiana's premiere childcare facility, treating just under 90% of all youths diagnosed with cancer in Indiana. The hospital opened in 1924 to provide exclusive care to children. Today, it remains the only such hospital in Indiana.

Teeter-tottering was not the only thing going on at Wal-Mart during the event. Several raffles were held for prizes from business including Market Bella Rosa, Frog's Bistro, Hardee's, and Arby's. Among the raffle prizes was a \$100 gift certificate for decorating, a free oil change, and a big purple bunny. The raf-

fle raised about \$500.

Prior to the Teeter-Totter-A-Thon, TriDelta members contacted companies and individuals asking for donations. The businesses selected a level of support: above \$250, between \$100-250, and below \$100. Each support level included bonuses, such as being advertised on TriDelta T-shirts or placed on a large poster at Wal-Mart. Large corporate sponsors for the event included Lilly, Ohiohills.com, Sharp Flats, WSDM, Federal Mogul, Scott's Custom Colors, Foulkes Limited Liability Company and Wal-Mart. We also received generous food donations from Big Apple Bagels, Papa Johns, Dairy Queen (7th Street) and Jimmy Johns.

Money was also raised on campus through money wars between fraternities and general donations. This year, over \$2,000 was raised from the Rose-Hulman community. Of the all the money raised, about \$4,000 was raised before the Wal-Mart event.

The total amount of money the TriDelta women raised for Riley will be announced this

Rose-Hulman seniors defeat stagnant job market

Crystal Landreth
Staff Writer

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, the number of college students who will find employment after graduation is expected to see a 40 percent decrease from last year.

How badly is this market affecting Rose-Hulman seniors? According to Career Services, currently 74 percent of seniors

have accepted job offers, are deciding between job offers, plan on entering the military, or will continue on their education at graduate school.

According to Kevin Hewerdine, director of career services, the projected percentage of seniors who will have post-graduation plans by graduation is approximately 80 percent. While this is a 5 percent decrease from last year and a 2 percent decrease from 2000, the statistics are outstanding when compared to the

nationwide prediction.

Also, employment in the consulting industry, which accounts for a large percentage of employment for Rose-Hulman students, has seen an 80 percent decrease since last year. Hewerdine acknowledged the seniors for recognizing the condition of the market early and credited them for their proactive career searches.

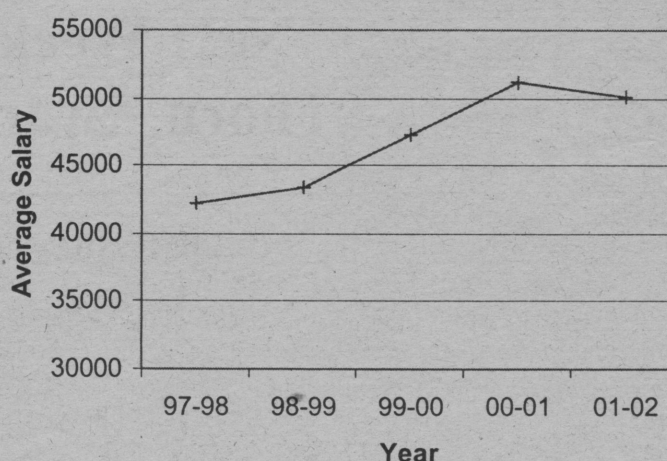
Almost everyone has seen the affects of the upsetting condition of the market; however, the Civil Engineers have not had much trouble finding employment. Construction management seems to be the "hot spot" for senior employment.

Civil Engineers lead the other majors with 91 percent who have found employment; followed by Electrical Engineers with 80 percent, Computer Science with 74 percent, Mechanical Engineers with 73 percent, Chemical Engineers with 70 percent, and Computer Engineers with 68 percent.

Although the market is suffering, Rose-Hulman graduates are still seeing high salaries and signing bonuses. There has been a large increase in students accepting government employment.

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Average Salary Offers for Past 5 Years



CAMPUS CALENDAR

					3 Delta Sigma Phi Basketball Marathon	4 Campus Beautification Day
5 Greek Games	6	7	8	9 Senior Send Off SRC 5:30pm	10 Rose Jazz Ensemble's Spring In Swing'n Dance 9 pm	11 Skinner Fest Skinner
12 Mother's Day	13	14 ARAmark Customers Appreciation Dinner	15	16	17	18
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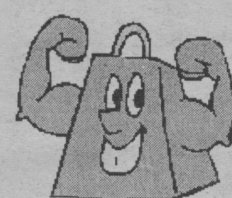
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All submissions must be made by Wednesday at noon in order to be published in *Events* in the *Rose Thorn* on Friday.

New Ventures client has international appeal

Ted Chan
Staff Writer

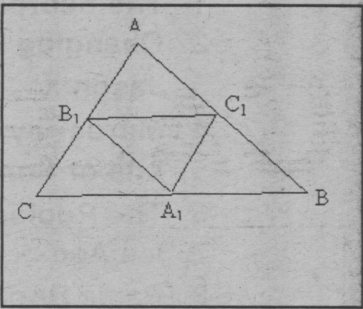
Teisoft is a company that has just been started up by two Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology graduates. It was started by Aaron Nelson, a computer engineer, and Brian Degnan, a mechanical engineer, that are both graduates of the class of 2000 from Rose. Their company deals with software and hardware on an international level. Teisoft is currently located at Rose-Hulman Ventures at Aleph Park in Terre Haute, and they are working with companies in Japan, Germany, and Indiana. They believe that Rose Ventures has good resources, such as the current technology, knowledgeable people, and will be helpful in assisting them grow their company. Due to the Non-Disclosure Agreements with some of the companies that they are dealing with, they are unable to discuss specifics about the projects that they are working on. One project that they are currently working on is with a company called Pegasys Inc. that is located in Japan. Aaron Nelson and

Brian Degnan, who took Japanese at Rose, and studied abroad for a year in Japan, are helping this Japanese company sell and market their product TMPGEnc in the United States, working on the English manual, and assisting in the development of future releases. Pegasys Inc. produces TMPGEnc, which is an MPEG-2 encoder and their other main products deal with OEM CD-ROM manufacturers. According to its founders, Teisoft is working on some hardware projects using Xilinx FPGA's and Microchip's PIC microprocessor. The sign to their office is pretty cool, too. It utilizes a PIC processor with a LED display that says, "Your sign sucks -- we can help -- www.Teisoft.com info@teisoft.com." Some strong points about this startup is that they are well connected in the U. S. and in the international markets, have previous entrepreneurial experience, and have diverse language abilities, such as Chinese and Japanese.

MATH CORNER PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Problem:

Take an arbitrary triangle, T . Create a new triangle T_1 from the midpoints of the sides of the triangle T [see figure to right, ABC is original triangle $A_1B_1C_1$ is new triangle formed by midpoints of ABC]. Repeat the process indefinitely, to create a new triangle T_2 from the midpoints of the sides of the triangle T , and a new triangle T_3 from the midpoints of the sides of the triangle T_2 , et cetera. Each triangle is contained in the previous triangle, and has sides half as large. There is one point that is common to all the triangles T_n . Determine this point in terms of the original triangle.



Contest Rules:

1. Contest is open to all students at Rose-Hulman.
2. The best solution (see solution criteria below) as judged by members of the math faculty will be awarded two new dollar coins.
3. In case of a tie, each winner will be awarded a new one dollar coin.
4. Solutions must be submitted by 1:00 pm on Wednesday to David Finn at G 213.
5. If no correct solution is submitted. No prize will be awarded.

Solution Criteria:

- Solution must be correct.
- Solution must be documented or explained.
- Clarity of solution. Solution should be easily understood.
- Elegance of solution. Number of steps should be minimized without affecting clarity.

Available on the web at
<http://www.rose-hulman.edu/~finn/mathcorner/pow.html>

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New projects such as the Pathfinder project in 1993 cost about \$265 million, which is comparable to a major movie project, and significantly less than NASA's prior projects. In 1996, the average cost per experiment was \$6 million, in 1998, \$4 million, and in 2001, it was about \$2 million. She predicted that it would be hard to keep reducing costs while expecting the same results for experiments and missions. Some of her other predictions include commercialization of the space program, using nuclear power, and humans landing on Mars in 2030. She encourages students who are thinking about management to continue to taking classes, read, practice, and notice what is happening around them. Also, she said that the transition from an engineer to a manager is realizing that a manager cannot be 'thing person' anymore, but, instead, be a 'people person.' Managers create things through other people, instead of creating things themselves. Shirley is now the assistant dean of engineering at the University of Oklahoma and lectures across the country.

Seniors defeat job market continued from page 1:

While these jobs have a 15 percent lower starting salary, the average Rose-Hulman graduate still has a starting salary above \$50,000, with the highest starting salary at \$81,000, which belongs to a computer science major. Due to the increase in government employment, 40 percent of students are receiving signing bonuses that range from \$2,000 to \$5,000. While companies can't afford to hire full time employers, the companies still require help; therefore, co-op/internships seekers aren't having as much trouble. Also, 18 percent of Rose-Hulman students are planning to attend graduate school. This is a 5 percent increase over last year. Since this year's graduating class is 35 students larger than last year's, the number of students continuing with school is even more significant. Although, Rose-Hulman has had a slight decrease in placement this year, the devastating market hasn't produced extreme results. Those seniors who have yet to find employment are reminded by Hewerdine to "stay positive and continue their proactive search, and it will happen."

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Weekend Box Office Summary

Title	This Weekend
1 The Scorpion King	18.0m
2 Changing Lanes	9.0m
3 Jason X	6.6m
4 Murder by Numbers	6.3m
5 Life or Something Like It	6.2m
6 The Rookie	5.6m
7 Ice Age	5.0m
8 Panic Room	4.2m
9 High Crimes	3.1m
10 The Sweetest Thing	2.9m

This Week's Releases:

Spider-Man
Deuces Wild
Hollywood Ending

DVDs invade the Game Room

Bob Schülein
Staff Writer

The Game Room will start a DVD rental service by the end of this year or the beginning of next. Rental of a DVD will require a deposit and will be available to rent for a period of one day.

The introduction of DVDs is in response to student demand and a feeling by RHA that enough students have DVD players in their laptops to warrant the change.

The deposit is in response to the relatively high cost of DVDs and problems with past-due return dates of tapes. If a student returns a movie late, an amount will be taken off his/her deposit. If the DVD is returned on time, the full deposit will be refunded.

RHA funds all video and DVD purchases of the Game Room. No new VHS tapes have been bought this year so RHA could purchase a large amount of DVDs to start off the collection.

Though many DVDs are in stock right now, Game Room manager

Matthew Lecher explained that "finding a suitable way of keeping track of them" is holding the release date back.

Stickers have been considered, Lecher said, but since some discs are double sided, finding a place to put them needs to be worked out. Once the problem of identifying discs to the game room is worked out, the movies will be available for rent.

"We don't want to lose DVDs," Lecher said. "We are trying to find ways to prevent this from happening."

VHS consumers do not fear, however, as the game room will keep all of its current stock of tapes. They may purchase more tapes in the future, depending on how the student body responds to the DVDs.

Another issue is some of the older tapes have gone bad. Whether or not these titles will be replaced by DVDs or tapes in the future is yet to be determined.

In the past, new tapes have been bought at the end of each quarter. There has been a list in the Game

Room where students can request what movies they would like the Game Room to carry. At the end of the quarter, this list is sent to RHA where titles are approved for purchase.

This way of buying new movies will continue with the introduction of DVDs. Students still have the option of requesting new movies, and of saying which format they would like.

Like tapes, DVD rentals are being targeted towards on campus students. "Most people [who rent] are on campus," said Lecher. "It's not like its hard to drop a movie off at the union."

Lecher is excited about the possibilities of having DVDs at the Game Room. "As long as the DVDs don't get scratched, they should retain their quality longer than VHS tapes do," he said.

Though DVDs may not be available to rent until next year, students may still come in to the Game Room and write suggestions for any new movies they would like to see available.

Game Room DVDs

A.I. Artificial Intelligence	How Stella Got Her Groove Back
The Abyss	It could Happen to You
American Graffiti	Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back
American Pie	Joy Ride
American Pie 2	K-Pax
Assassins	Lara Croft: Tomb Raider
Bandits	The Last Castle
Beauty and the Beast	Mallrats
Big Daddy	Memento
The Big Lebowski	Moulin Rouge
The Birdcage	The One
Blade	A Perfect Murder
Bridget Jones's Diary	Pocahontas
Captain Corelli's Mandolin	Practical Magic
Days of Thunder	Riding in Cars with Boys
Dead Poets Society	Saving Private Ryan
Don't Say a Word	Sexy Beast
Double Jeopardy	Shrek
Dumb and Dumber	The Silence of the Lambs
The Faculty	The Sixth Sense
The Fast and the Furious	10 Things I Hate About You
A Few Good Men	13 Ghosts
The Fifth Element	Total Recall
First Knight	Training Day
French Kiss	Varsity Blues
The Fugitive	Willow
The Goonies	Zoolander

F1 takes Spain by force

Jason Caron
Staff Writer

Last weekend, the drivers and teams of Formula One moved to Round 5 at Barcelona in the Spanish Grand Prix held at the Circuit de Catalunya. The usual testing and preparation went on during the off-week, as Spain was one of the more different courses from which the teams had been used to.

The long front straight-a-way proved for much higher speeds coming off the final turn, so aerodynamics would play a crucial factor in the race. Of course, this meant trouble for Jaguar, who was still suffering troubles with the R3's aerodynamic deficiencies. The team announced beforehand that it was doubtful the problems would be corrected before Spain.

As the weekend arrived and race day drew near, the drivers underwent their usual routine of practice before qualifying. During practice, Minardi's Mark Webber flew off, causing the team to switch to their alternative wing design. Surprisingly, during qualifying, his teammate, Alex Yoong, suffered a similar wing failure with the alternate design.

The two Minardi's qualified in the last row in 21st and 22nd. Before the race began, Minardi elect-

ed to withdraw both of their cars from the race due to safety concerns considering the rear wing failures. Testing following the race proved the wing failure to be a one-time problem and was not deemed a future problem.

Meanwhile, qualifying went on as predicted. The Ferrari's of Michael Schumacher and Rubens Barrichello pulled ahead of the times and were soon fighting it out for the pole position. In the end, Michael took the pole with Barrichello beside him in the front row.

Behind them, as usual, were the Williams-BMW team of Ralf Schumacher in 3rd and his teammate, Juan Pablo Montoya, in fourth. Behind them in the third row, Kimi Raikkonen qualified fifth while his teammate was ousted from the row by Renault's Jenson Button, who took sixth leaving David Coulthard in seventh place with Sauber's Nick Heidfeld beside him.

Jaguar's Eddie Irvine was moved to the back of the grid when his fastest time was thrown out due to discrepancies in the type of fuel approved by FIA vs. the fuel taken from his tank after qualifying.

The morning of the race came. Most of us here were dragging our butts out of bed at a staggering 6:30 am to catch the live broadcasting

from Spain. The time counted down to the inspection lap.

When the lap came, Rubens Barrichello's Ferrari was stationary on the track as everybody pulled around him. Suspected gear selection problem put him into retirement even before the race had started.

With Schumacher already using the T-car (backup car) due to problems in warm-up, Barrichello was unable to rejoin the field. Off the start, Schumacher was all alone up front and pulled away cleanly cutting in front of the Williams drivers to secure the lead into the first turn.

Behind them, Button almost passed Raikkonen coming up the long straight to the first turn, but Raikkonen remained on the outside so that he would have the inside advantage in the second turn and kept fourth. Meanwhile, Schumacher pulled ahead once again extending his lead to 10 seconds by the end of the 10th lap.

His brother started lagging when a part of his nose came off into the cockpit lingering there for a few moments before Ralf could throw it out, going wide on one of the turns. He then had to make a stop in the pits for a new nose cone, ending his challenge on his brother, Michael. His race would end during the final lap with an engine problem and he was classified

11th.

Button began to have mechanical problems midway through the race including fuel surge and gear selection difficulties. Coulthard slid past him on lap 33 to take 3rd and Button then dropped back to let his teammate, Jarno Trulli, attack the leaders. Both of them were soon passed by both Arrow's and both Sauber's as they showed mechanical difficulties.

Trulli eventually retired on lap 62 classified as 12th and Button pitting on the penultimate lap classifying himself as 10th. Jacques Villeneuve passed Enrique Bernoldi on lap 37 and drove strong to finish just short of the points in seventh place. His teammate, Oliver Panis, again failed to finish when his car slowed to a halt coming out of his second pit stop. Bernoldi also failed to finish as mechanics dealt with a suspected fire on his second pit stop.

Jaguar suffered a double DNF as Pedro de la Rosa spun out during the second lap into the gravel trap and Eddie Irvine retired on lap 42. Jordan also failed to finish as Giancarlo Fisichella pulled off on lap 5 with hydraulic problems and his teammate, Takuma Sato, ended up in the gravel trap as well.

Kimi Raikkonen's day was done as his rear wing flew off and he made it back to the pits to retire.

Meanwhile, up at the front, Juan Pablo Montoya's second stop proved his victory downfall as the lollipop man signaled Montoya's release before the refueler had completed. Montoya realized this too late and stopped, but not before he ran over the foot of chief mechanic Karl Gaden. Gaden suffered a bruised ankle but no broken bones. However, Montoya's chance at victory was done. He managed to secure a podium spot for second place, David Coulthard finished behind him in third to take another podium spot.

Behind him, the Sauber's pulled off a magnificent race, Nick Heidfeld finishing fourth and Felipe Massa finishing fifth. Team Arrows was in celebration as Heinz-Harald Frentzen was given the checkered flag in sixth place, earning the team's first point of the season. Behind him was Jacques Villeneuve in seventh and the two Toyotas of Allan McNish and Mika Salo finished eighth and ninth respectively to round out the nine cars which finished the race.

Not surprisingly, pole position-starter Michael Schumacher gave Ferrari a perfect race, dominating all 65 laps and taking his 57th victory at the Spanish Grand Prix.

Formula One now moves on to Round Six next week on the A1-Ring at the Austrian Grand Prix.

The Scorpion King is one great prequel

Peter Smith
Staff Writer

The Scorpion King
Rated PG-13

Starring
The Rock

You may remember The Mummy and The Mummy Returns. You may also remember that they were both horribly corny movies, but for some reason you liked them anyway. You know you should be asking for your money back because the movie was so bad, but instead you bought the DVD.

I know it doesn't make sense, but these movies are well liked despite their corniness. Maybe it's the mystique of ancient Egypt, possibly it's the excitement of the special effects, or it's the fact that the leading actress is ridiculously good looking, but who really cares? The important thing is that a third movie in that universe has been released—The Scorpion King—and it, too, is very corny and very fun.

Staring WWF superstar Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, The Scorpion King had to be silly. However, it fits nicely in the series.

The Mummy was originally meant to be a comedy adventure movie, but the quality of effects lead the director to change to direction to a serious movie. It ended up uneven, and this is a scheme that no other movies really follow, causing the series to stand out on its own as something special instead of flawed. But it's topping the box office currently.

The Scorpion King follows Mathayus, the last survivor of a race of warriors, who is the only man willing to fight Memnon, an evil ruler who had almost conquered all of Egypt. Memnon, played by Steven Brand (a relatively unknown actor who does a great job), uses a sorcerer to determine the outcome of his battles and therefore cannot be beaten. Mathayus, who is of course The Rock, plans to kill the sorcerer.

On doing this, he becomes the hero of all the people and is forced to face Memnon in a final conflict that will keep you on the edge of your seat. However, it will also leave you wondering if the script writer really thinks you're dumb enough to buy this story, and also wondering why you are.

I bet you're wondering how good of an actor the Rock really is. He isn't very good, but I like



The Scorpion King is not bad and neither is his queen.

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the guy. He had the similar comedy flair that Brendan Fraser added to the earlier movie, and you can tell he is having a lot of fun.

Chuck Russell, who also directed The Mask and Eraser, directed the Scorpion King. This is not his best work, but I had a ton

of fun watching it. You end up hating the bad guys, loving the hero, and really loving his leading lady... loving the leading lady a lot. The music is dead on. The scenery is exacting and spectacular. The movie is just plain fun. Chuck Russell of course is responsible for all of this.

All in all, you will have fun at the Scorpion King, or you are someone's mom. Definitely it is one of those two though. So, on a scale of zero to four, where four is a classic and zero is your IQ, I give this film 3 stars. Go see it. Have fun. Bring a girl. Have even more fun.



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CD Burner (cd-rw 16x10x40) for sale. NEW, never been used. Paid

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Very nice 4-5 bedroom house 10 minutes from campus. This home has large bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, washer/dryer hookup. Quiet neighborhood. Available June 1st. \$750/month + utilities. No pets. Call 234-5680.

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WANTED

I am wanting to buy a good used laptop computer. Please call 232-7198 or e-mail sunbear@yahoo.com

PERSONALS

I know all you Rose guys would like to meet females on campus. So give me a call! Here's my number: 8576. My name is Jenny.

POLICIES

The Rose Thorn offers classified advertisements less than 30 words free to Rose-Hulman students, faculty, and student organizations. Ads that run longer than 30 words will be charged 15 cents per additional word.

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Survey Results

From now on every article in the Thorn will be attributed to an author.

We will also attempt to keep our humor focused on the Rose campus.
Rose Thorn

"I honestly think that you guys should try harder to offend *more* campus groups, so no one can claim preferential treatment."

Doug McGregor
AO

"Some things in life people have no control over. You shouldn't make fun of this"

"Tell the Rose PC babies to quit whining."

"If students are not offended and only one alumni is, I don't think there is a problem. The paper seemed to be okay

before this one incident. The paper is for the campus, not one person."

"More Wacky Prof. quotes. They're the main reason I pick up the thorn."

"I am sorry if someone found the Gary article inappropriate, but I showed it to my parents/sister/grandma and they found it funny. (I live in Chicago and would not be offended if the article were about Chicago...) Keep the Flipside."

"In the opinions section, you rarely provide both points of view on an issue. Three opinion articles about the same thing with the same point of view is unprofessional and bad journalism. I'm referring to articles about the Eron thing."

"Most of it has always been of poor taste. At least half of the prof. quotes are taken out of context."

"We are all big boys and girls. We can deal. This is a college. We are not here to make the rest of the world happy."

"Keep the Flipside in its original form. It was humor, not meant to hurt anyone's feelings. I read the paper as a byproduct of picking it up for the Flipside."

"Return of the prof. quotes and revisit old prof. quotes. It is the best part of the paper. If a prof. has a problem being quoted from their lectures, then they need to rethink their lecture methods."

"Wacky Profs. are funny."

"Insults represent the general stereotypes associated with groups of people. Understand where these insults come from and why people believe them. Then spend your time correcting the stereotype instead of gagging the bearer of public opinion."

"Be sensitive to minorities, women, cultural differences, etc."

"It's childish behavior and lack of professionalism. It should be discontinued."

"The April Fool's edition should be scrapped too."

"Don't put amazingly stupid things on it. Remember old people read this."

"Sexual innuendos often goes way too far. Does all

humor always have to revolve around sex."

"The only restrictions you should have are the same restrictions as other media outlets."

"Absolutely no censorship! This is a paper under law. It's not supposed to be restricted."

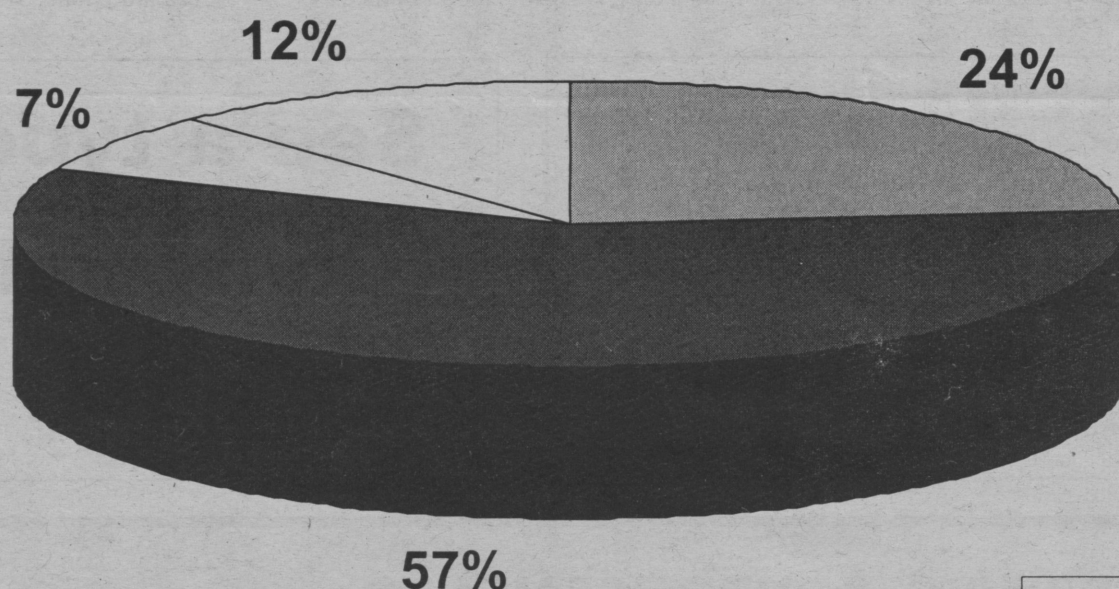
"The Thorn is read by a lot of people besides currently enrolled students. The Flipside almost always carries content that puts Rose-Hulman in a bad light."

"Professor comments are occasionally offensive and writers engage in putting down others."

"The Flipside is the only reason to read the paper."

Survey Results...

Would you like to see the Flipside Continued?



- ☐ Keep it, but with restrictions
- ☒ Don't change it at all!
- ☐ I'm unsure, but still restrict it somewhat
- ☐ NO WAY!

Number of people who submitted surveys: 59

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Rose-Hulman softball sweeps twinbill from Franklin 5-1 and 5-2

The Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology softball team swept its first doubleheader of the season with 5-1 and 5-2 victories over Franklin College on Tuesday evening at the Rose-Hulman Softball Field.

The Engineers pounded out 11 hits in the opener and relied on a four-run fourth-inning rally to earn a 5-2 victory in the opener. Freshman pitcher Lauren Clark (Terre Haute/North) scattered seven hits in a com-

plete-game seven-hitter that improved her record to 9-10 on the season.

Sophomore Nikki Rosenow (Valparaiso/Andrean) led the game one offense with three hits and two runs batted in. Clark, sophomore Lynsey Hart (Georgetown, Ill./Ridge Farm) and junior Amy Stutler (Brownsburg/Cardinal Ritter) each added two hits for Rose-Hulman.

"After not playing for the past

two weeks, it was a good test to see us come out strong tonight and take two from Franklin," said Rose-Hulman head coach Jody Prete.

In the nightcap, sophomore Jennifer Shafer (Wolcott/Tri-County) picked up her first win of the season with a complete-game four hitter. Shafer allowed no earned runs and recorded five strikeouts in a 103-pitch effort.

Sophomore Sarah Bireley

(Terre Haute/South) and freshman Amanda Bower (Greensburg, Pa./Hempfield) led the Rose-Hulman offense with two runs batted in each in the nightcap. Senior Molly McKeown (Waynetown/North Montgomery), junior Jen Clevenger (Muncie/Heritage Hall) and Rosenow each added one hit and one run for the Engineers.

"We were relaxed tonight, played well and had fun. That made all the difference," said

Prete.

Rose-Hulman improved to 10-25 on the year and concludes its season with a Sunday doubleheader against Maryville College (Mo.) beginning at noon. Franklin dropped to 6-21 on the season.

"I hope we go out on the field, play hard, and play together on Sunday. We want to end the season on a positive note," said Prete.

Baseball and softball standings



Photo courtesy Rose-Hulman

Senior John Bowen allowed only five hits in during his eight innings on the mound in Tuesday's game against Marian College.



Photo courtesy Rose-Hulman

Sophomore Nikki Rosenow slides into third base during Tuesday's game against Franklin College. She aided the team in game one by producing three hits and two R.B.I.'s.

Baseball						
Team	W	SCAC L	Pct.	W	Overall L	Pct.
Easten Division						
Oglethorpe	8	4	0.667	19	18	0.514
DePauw	9	5	0.643	20	17	0.541
Rose-Hulman	8	8	0.500	24	15	0.615
U. South	7	9	0.438	17	20	0.459
Centre	4	10	0.286	7	21	0.241
Western Division						
Trinity	17	3	0.850	34	9	0.791
Southwestern	14	6	0.700	36	8	0.818
Millsaps	11	9	0.550	23	16	0.590
Hendrix	4	16	0.200	20	20	0.500
Rhodes	4	16	0.200	13	20	0.382

Softball						
Team	W	SCAC L	Pct.	W	Overall L	Pct.
Easten Division						
U. South	9	3	0.750	14	15	0.483
DePauw	6	5	0.545	12	24	0.333
Centre	4	7	0.364	15	19	0.441
Rose-Hulman	4	8	0.333	10	25	0.286
Western Division						
Trinity	7	1	0.875	27	14	0.659
Millsaps	7	1	0.875	17	16	0.515
Rhodes	4	6	0.400	4	15	0.200
Hendrix	0	10	0.000	0	29	0.000

Upcoming athletic events

<u>Sat., May 4</u> •TR at Butler University Invitational, 3 pm	<u>Sat. May 11</u> •TR at Billy Hayes Invitational, TBA	Key BASE = Baseball SOFT = Softball TR = Track *Events in bold denote home games
<u>Sun., May 5</u> •BASE vs. University of Chicago, 1 pm •SOFT vs. Maryville College, Noon	<u>May 23-25</u> •TR at NCAA III Outdoor Nationals (St. Paul, Minnesota), TBA	

Ninth-inning grand slam lifts Marian baseball over Rose-Hulman

Marian College senior Wes Hayden launched a ninth-inning grand slam to break a 1-1 tie and lift the Knights to a 6-1 victory over Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology on Tuesday evening at Art Nehf Field.

The blast broke open a pitcher's duel between Rose-Hulman senior John Bowen (Charlestown) and Marian sophomore Erik Morrison. Bowen scattered just five hits over his first eight innings of work, while Morrison tossed a complete-game three-hitter with 12 strikeouts.

Sophomore Cort Severns (Manito, Ill./Midwest Central) led Rose-Hulman's offense with a double.

Junior Saylan Lukas (Bloomington/North) and senior Nate Myers (Terre Haute/North) each added singles for the Engineers. Hayden led the Marian offense with two home runs and five runs batted in.

Rose-Hulman scored its lone run in the fifth inning on the single by Myers and the double by Severns. The Marian ninth featured a single by Keith Waller before Blake Deuser was hit by a pitch. After Brady Armstrong reached base on a fielder's choice, Hayden lifted his grand slam.

Marian improved to 23-16 on the season, while Rose-Hulman dropped to 24-15.

Enjoy sports? Write for the *Thorn* sports page!

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Top Ten Things on a Senior's Mind

- 10 Gee, I hope I pass Freshman Comp this time.
- 9 Should I chuck my laptop into Speed Lake or Scum Pond?
- 8 I'm torn between an orgasmic sensation and an urge to vomit...
- 7 What am I gonna do with all this extra engineering paper?
- 6 What was I thinking, Computer Science? Oh yeah, the ladies.
- 5 Only a few days until free beer. Mmmmm beer....
- 4 If I'm like the 1 in 6 that becomes a millionaire, I can do two chicks...
- 3 Now that I'll be living in LA... man, how do I deal with hot women?
- 2 No more Hertz or Flipside... maybe I should fail Freshman Comp.
- 1 Frrrrreeeeedommmmm!!!

Microsoft unveils Network Solitaire

Ryan Prince

Seattle WA - Microsoft is excited about its newest release today, the network version of the hit game, solitaire. With new on-line capabilities and plenty of features, Microsoft hopes this new version of a long time favorite will save sluggish sales on its latest operating system.

Microsoft spokesperson Arnold McIntire outlined the company's development process. "We took a poll of thousands of business workers, students, and PC owners. We asked which parts of the current operating system the customer was satisfied with. Solitaire had by far the highest satisfaction rate, with almost 82% of the people enjoying the product."

That 82% is an amazingly high number, considering the runner up was the box labeled "what's an operating system," with 56% of the people checking it, followed by "really cool default colors" with a mere 8% of the people checking it. "Ease of use" and "stability of product" finished tied for last behind "size of product packaging" and "what-ever happened to Napster?"

The online capabilities of Network Solitaire will apparently support up to 8 spectators for each game, with a user-friendly game locator screen. Spectators can watch up to 20 games at once, marking a revolution in solitaire viewing history. "Even walking through an office on a particularly boring day you can only expect to find 10 to 12 people playing solitaire to watch" McIntire explained. "Network Solitaire will change all that."

Network Solitaire's realism should prove to be outstanding. Packaging for the product boasts that Network Solitaire is "just like playing solitaire during lunch because you have no friends to sit

with, but with complete anonymity!"

Suggested retail price for the full version will be \$319.99, however if you own the previous version of Microsoft Solitaire, you can purchase the upgrade for only \$149.99. Microsoft expects Network Solitaire to be its hot seller for the second fiscal quarter.

Apparently, plans for a Network Solitaire 2 are already in the works. "The next version will have chat capabilities so that spectators can bug the player with annoying 'help' and 'advice', increasing the pressure factor of playing solitaire." Network Solitaire 2 may come bundled with a new operating system named Windows RG (Really Good).

When asked to comment more on Network Solitaire 2 and Windows RG, McIntire hastily claimed he could "say no more on the subject," and that he "said too much already." Our sources tell us that Bill Gates is a "real stickler" about his products in development, and divulging features before a release is punishable by death. And we all know that Bill Gates can do that, because let's face it, for all practical purposes he is God.

On a related story, new evidence in the Microsoft anti-trust case has brought many more charges against Microsoft and its CEO Gates. He will now stand trial for 26 counts of murder one, 5 separate counts of bribing a jury, and 8 counts of violating the Sherman Anti-Trust Act which include monopolizing both the internet browser and murder for hire industries. When asked for a comment, Gates shoved a wad of hundred dollar bills towards reporters and said "You didn't see nothin'!"

Wacky Prof Quotes

"My youngest girl wants to learn Latin in high school. I guess she wants to pick up priests."
--Prof. Bremmer, on foriegn languages

"Ask the VP of Finances to give you a refund..."
--Prof. Bremmer, letting his class out 2 minutes early

"There are some weird-ass multiple-choice questions here."
--Prof. Bremmer, not surprising us

"Some people don't like 3-way relationships... some people prefer multiple 2-way relationships."
--Prof. Oexmann, on database design

"I was dead and miserable, and then it got worse."
--Prof. House, we assume a woman was involved

**Have your profs said something wacky lately?
Well, stay awake for once and jot it down!
Then, e-mail it (or any other humor) to:
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THE PARKING LOT IS FULL

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Aside from delivering toys to all the world's children, Santa's main occupation is his endless war against the Spiders from Space.

This Week in the News

Morrowind is out. If you don't know what it is, you likely won't care anyways. Oh, Spiderman is in the theaters, too. It's like some big conspiracy trying to keep me from getting any work done.

This Week in History

c.a. 1390, America -

With teams of up to 1000 players per side, Lacrosse is played by several Native American nations, including the Iroquois and Cherokee.

This Week's Box You Don't Read

Thanks to all you folks that actually put in a little effort to keep the Flipside going, I couldn't even get my roommate to do it. The lazy bastard.